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DETAILED ACTION

1. *The reply brief filed 1 April 2004 (paper # 21) has been entered and considered.*

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

All issues have been addressed in the examiners answer and no further comments by the examiner are deemed necessary at this time.

Conclusion

2. *Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fred Ferris whose telephone number is 703-305-9670 and whose normal working hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.*

Any inquiry of a general nature relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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